

Topsfield Cable Television Advisory Committee

December 1, 2010

Approved 1/5/11

Executive Summary

Comcast negotiations continue, with little progress. Comcast's offer of funding is not acceptable to the Town. The Committee wants to pursue a 5-year contract due to the volatility of regulation and the rapid advance of technology. A discussion was held to review the benefits of setting up the Library meeting room for Selectmen meetings with remote control cameras and permanent audio connections. Other community events could be recorded or broadcast live from this location. Town Hall will move to FIOS Internet access. The Cable/Web office will have a dedicated IP address. The Committee voted to fund approximately \$650 to help fund the installation. A surplus PC has been requested to act as a FTP server. We received a few items of "surplus" equipment from Danvers Cable when they relocated to new quarters. Danvers Cable will allow Topsfield residents to join their organization (\$10 a year – funded by the Cable Committee) to receive training and support to produce local access programming – Topsfield is not equipped to provide these services.

Meeting opened at 7:35 PM in Town Hall.

Members present: Bill Whiting, Dana Berenson, Jay MacDougall and Bill Wood
Members absent: Kathy Curran

Guest: None

Former Business:

The Minutes of 9/1 were approved as written. No quorum 10/6 or 11/3.

New Business:

See Executive Summary

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

The next scheduled meeting is January 5 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Whiting.